

Rwanda plans to regulate social media content

Rwanda is working on strategies to regulate social media content to stop misinformation.



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Paul Ingabire, Rwanda's IT manager spoke before the parliamentary committee on National budget for the 2019/2020 budget. The answer was spurred by a question from Jean Claude Ntezimana about the government's plans to combat abusive content and fake identities on these media.

"We have started a programme to engage with all people owning social media platforms so that we devise an approach to regulate content because when it's not lies, it is misinformation, defamation... All the countries, especially the developed economies, are already embarking on a campaign to regulate content on social media platforms.

"And that the Government of Rwanda is keen on doing because, yes, there has to be free sharing of information, but at the same time it has to be information that is building the people, that is building a country, but not just really circulating misinformation, defamation," the official said.

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